## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of Confirmation No. 6659

Yoshio UMEZAWA et al. Attorney Docket No. 2006 1324A

Serial No. 10/589,255 Group Art Unit 1647

Examiner Shulamith H. Shafer Filed January 18, 2007

PROBE FOR DETECTING NUCLEAR RECEPTOR AGONIST OR ANTAGONIST AND METHOD FOR SCREENING AGONIST OR ANTAGONIST TO NUCLEAR RECEPTOR WITH THE USE OF THE SAME

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

**Mail Stop: AMENDMENT** 

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction/Species Election Requirement dated April 8, 2009, Applicants hereby elect the invention identified as Group I, claims 1-6, 7 in part, 8, 10 in part and 11, drawn to a probe for detecting an agonist or an antagonist to a nuclear receptor and an in vitro method for screening for an agonist or an antagonist.

Upon allowance of the elected claims, the Examiner is requested to consider the possibility of rejoinder per M.P.E.P. § 821.04.

Favorable action on the merits is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Yoshio UMEZAWA et al.

/William R. By: Schmidt, II/

Digitally signed by /William R. Schmidt, II/ DN: cn=/William R. Schmidt, II/, o=WLP, ou, email=bschmidt@wenderoth.com,

Date: 2009.05.08 13:45:09 -04'00'

William R. Schmidt, II Registration No. 58,327 Attorney for Applicants

WRS/vah Washington, D.C. 20005-1503 Telephone (202) 721-8200 Facsimile (202) 721-8250 May 8, 2009